

City Lops 2 Cents Off Property Tax Rate

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QUEENS ON PARADE . . . Miss Lomita and her court won approval of the sidelines Saturday as the city celebrated its second anniversary with a parade, barbecue, and party. Chamber of Commerce President Jim Becker awarded plaques and trophies to winners in 27 categories following the parade. Several thousand people lined the parade route. (Press-Herald Photo)

City to Participate in 'Lifetime' Sports Study

"Our community has been so successful in eliminating physical activity from our everyday lives that we have created a physical void," Harry Van Bellehem, Torrance Recreation director, said today.

Because of this, the city has accepted an invitation to participate in the Lifetime Sports Project initiated by the National Recreation and Parks Association in conjunction with the Lifetime Sports Foundation.

"This is a pilot project

that's designed to encourage people of both sexes and all ages to participate in four sports—golf, tennis, badminton, and bowling—and play these sports throughout their lives."

Bud Wilkinson, former football coach at Oklahoma University and President Kennedy's consultant on physical fitness, was in Los Angeles recently to help launch the pilot project. He currently is president of the Lifetime Sports Foundation.

HE JOINED local city officials in blaming inactivity for the sagging level of physical fitness among most Americans.

Wilkinson said statistics indicate that an alarming number of prospective draftees are rejected annually by the Armed Forces for physical and mental reasons.

"Whether we like to admit it or not," he said, "we are physical beings. We have intellectual capacity, but we function intellectually only to the degree that our good health, vigor, and vitality enable us to function."

Locally, the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation will administer the program in 11 key cities.

Chief goals of the program are to determine effective methods of encouraging people to seek instruction in lifetime sports, to aid the development of individual skills in golf, tennis, badminton, and bowling, and to help maintain or increase the individual level of physical fitness.

TORRANCE'S recreation program is considered one of the most diversified in the county.

The department-sponsored activities of housewives bowling, youth and adult golf, and youth and adult tennis will be included in Torrance's study.

For further information regarding class schedules for these sports, and the many other activities, contact Joselyn Recreation Center, phone 328-8362.

THE FOUR sports selected are considered ideal for a life-long activity. They are

specifically geared for people who need physical activity, not for the varsity athlete who is already fit. The Lifetime Sports pilot project is being conducted in eight areas throughout the nation.

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New Hospital Proposal Wins Council Approval

Smokers To Put Up More

A \$12.5 million city budget which provides a 2-cent reduction in the property tax rate was adopted by the Torrance City Council last night. The vote was unanimous.

The budget, which will finance city operations for fiscal 1966-67, calls for expenditures of \$12,580,635 — including a reserve of about \$140,000. Before adopting the document, the council restored \$15,000 for the purchase of a small bus. A \$25,000 bus had been deleted earlier this month.

The loss of revenues anticipated by the 2-cent reduction in property taxes will be recovered through an increased tax on cigarettes, an increase in business license fees, and increases in bus fares on the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines.

THE NEW cigarette tax— an additional 2 cents per pack—raises the city's cigarette tax to 4 cents per pack. The new tax is expected to add \$226,000 to the city treasury during the fiscal year. It becomes effective Friday.

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SALUTE TO YOUTH . . . Mrs. Tony Whan, president of the women's division of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, presents an award for outstanding service to John Brennan, Brennan was honored as a "Salute to Youth in Volunteer Service" luncheon for his volunteer work at Harbor General Hospital. A pre-medical student at Harbor College, Brennan has served two terms as president of the Candy Strippers. He plans to study medicine at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Juvenile Clinic Proposal Given Cool Reception

A proposal by the city's Youth Welfare Commission to establish a Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Clinic in Torrance got a lukewarm reception from the City Council last night.

Mayor Albert Isen branded the proposed center a "regional problem" and told the commission it was "hitting at the wrong spot."

The proposal, outlined by Christian Galichon, chairman of the Youth Welfare Commission, calls for a clinic in the city which could provide counseling services for youngsters who become involved with the law.

The proposal was referred to City Manager Edward J. Ferraro and the council's Police Committee for additional study.

35-Acre Site Near Airport Clears Hurdle

Principal backers of a proposed multi-million dollar medical complex near the Torrance Airport got a go-ahead from the Torrance City Council last night after nearly three hours of debate.

Councilmen voted to rezone a 35-acre tract at Madison Avenue and Lomita Boulevard from manufacturing to commercial uses. But, councilmen warned, they will in fact become the new home of Torrance Memorial Hospital.

The 35-acre tract is being purchased by a group of doctors who plan to donate the 10 acres to the Torrance Memorial Hospital. The hospital, in turn, will build a 250-bed facility on the site—with hopes of expanding to 500 beds.

FINAL ACTION on the rezoning will be withheld, councilmen indicated, until the land has been deeded to the hospital and "reasonable assurances" that the hospital will be built are given.

Richard Dellgercio, representing developers of a proposed medical complex on the remaining 25 acres, told the council his group will not build the proposed medical facility "unless the hospital goes in." Dellgercio also told the council the planned complex is "not a promotional project."

Councilmen addressed most of their comments to the suitability of the site for a hospital. The site is located north of the Municipal Airport on land now considered a prime industrial area.

THE PROPOSED development has the blessings of the city's Planning Commission and Airport Commission, as well as the Planning and Airport Departments. In addition, the Federal Aviation

Agency has indicated it has no objections to the facility. The council was sharply divided during the debate—with most members agreeing to favor the hospital, but do not want to rezone the land unless the hospital will be built.

Formal commitment of the hospital's Board of Directors to the project must, however, await a decision on an application for federal funds under the Hill-Burton Act. Under the act, it is possible to obtain up to two-thirds the cost of the new hospital in federal funds.

Leonard Ensinger, administrator of Torrance Memorial Hospital, said a \$6 to \$7 million facility is anticipated. He also told councilmen that adequate protection from noise at the airport and adjacent industrial plants could be built into the hospital.

Architect Gene Verge backed up Ensinger's statement. Verge said his firm currently is building a hospital adjacent to the El Toro Marine Air Station.

Jack Lehman, a consultant with Aerojet General, said his firm will work with the architects for the hospital to insure adequate protection against noise, as well as with the developers of the adjacent medical complex.

Councilman David K. Lyman described the council's position as a "complete state of frustration." He said the sweeping endorsement of the plan by the city's "experts" represented a position which is "completely incompatible and inconsistent with their prior position."

LYMAN SAID plans for residential developments, apartments, and commercial facilities adjacent to the airport area had been rejected previously because of noise. (Continued on A-3)

Lomita Man Killed as Car Flips

A Lomita man was killed late Saturday evening when his car skidded out of control on the Pasadena Freeway and flipped near Avenue 43 in Los Angeles.

Police identified the dead man as Leroy Hase Jr., 22.

Vienna: A City in Two Worlds

(Press-Herald staff writer Jerry Reynolds returned to his desk in mid-June after a 30-day visit to principal cities of Europe. His account of a visit to Vienna, Austria, is the second of several reports planned for Press-Herald readers.)

By JERRY REYNOLDS
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To be in Vienna is to be in two different worlds at the same time.

This fabled city on the Danube has set her eyes firmly on the future, but she keeps one foot planted solid-

ly in the past. And therein lies the secret of life in one of Europe's most beautiful and most elegant cities.

Her history is replete with the names of great men in music, art, architecture, and politics. Her broad, sweeping boulevards connect narrow, twisting streets. Skyscrapers have begun to rise from the rubble of war and workmen labor to preserve ancient palaces.

Vienna today is the capital of a small but proud nation of free men and women who, more than anything else, are seeking to restore this city

to the status she enjoyed as the capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. In the 10 years since the peace treaty ending the occupation of Austria was signed, she has made giant strides toward that goal.

Austria is officially neutral in the Cold War. But she is unashamedly pro-Western in her attitudes and she values her freedom as much—or more—than any nation on earth. And in Vienna, the spiritual heart of the nation, the visitor can feel it.

There are two Viennas. One is the busy, modern city which is pointing herself

toward the future with confidence, helped, as the Austrians quickly point out, by America's European Recovery Plan following World War II. The other is an elegant, theater-oriented city whose life centers around the opera, ballet, and the Vienna Symphony Orchestra. There are few days in this second Vienna when a concert is scheduled.

Coupled with this love of the fine arts is a love of food, of fine wines (Viennese wines are among the best in Europe), and of people.

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Man Convicted in Slaying

Henry Parker Jr. of the Carson area was convicted of involuntary manslaughter Tuesday in the Feb. 5 shooting of Lloyd Edward Lowe, 29, of 2084 S. Main St. in a Carson bar. The 23-year-old Parker will return before Superior Judge Frank J. Macklin for sentencing on Aug. 15. Parker testified in his own defense last Friday. He has denied knowledge of the shooting, saying he learned of it when arrested the next day.

County Budget Approved

Spending by Los Angeles County will top the \$1 billion level in the coming fiscal year, it was indicated following adoption yesterday of the county's \$918.7 million budget. Approval of the budget was opposed only by Supervisor Frank G. Bonelli. Special funds and budgets of special districts will put county expenditures above \$1.178 billion, county officials reported.

The Long, Long Weekend

Most public offices and business firms will be closed Monday in observance of Independence Day. The Press-Herald offices will be closed but no change in news or advertising deadlines is made. Police and fire department units will fill regular shifts, and normal Monday rubbish collections will be made, city officials report. Schools, banks, and most stores will close. Hospitals and mortuaries will be open for the careless.